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DUAL-SCREEN LCD PANEL
DESIGN IN CELLULAR PHONES

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EXHIBIT 1

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Application of Split- and Dual-Screen LCD Panel Design in Cellular Smartphones

Split Screen Display

In many high-end, smart- cellular phone applications it is necessary to provide two types of displays to the user. The first is used most often for the telecommunications functions. It consists of ten to twenty characters across by three to eight lines. It may also display some operational graphic icons to signify connection progress, battery life, signal strength, etc. The second, larger display is associated with the Personal Data Assistant (PDA) function and is a graphical display with resolutions up to 640x480 pixels. Since this display is used only a fraction of the time compared to the communications display, it is usually powered-down when not in use.

The current design practice is to treat these two units as separate systems. Each module would have its own controller to format memory data into displayable form, duplicate driver ICs, and separate LCD panels. In a battery-power-conscience systems such as cellular phones, this redundancy increases power requirements, board real estate, manufacturing costs, and reduces MTBF.

In order to reduce the redundancy between the two systems, this disclosure proposes to integrate the two functions using a common controller, LCD panel and drivers, while disabling driver circuits when the PDA is not needed. For purposes of illustration, we will discuss an application utilising a 640x240 (1/4 VGA) resolution monochrome passive-matrix LCD. The telecommunication portion of the display will use a 160x240 subsection of this panel and power-down the other three-quarters of the unit. These sizes and fractional parts are based, predominantly on the organisation of drivers used in a given design, and could be adjusted to fit most other panels. A 160x240 section, in landscape aspect, would yield a area capable of displaying 20 lines of 30 5x7-matrix characters.

Figure 1 shows a typical LCD module with its driving circuits. Not shown is the analog section that generates the various voltage levels and controls contrast as this remains unchanged is is not relevant to the discussion.

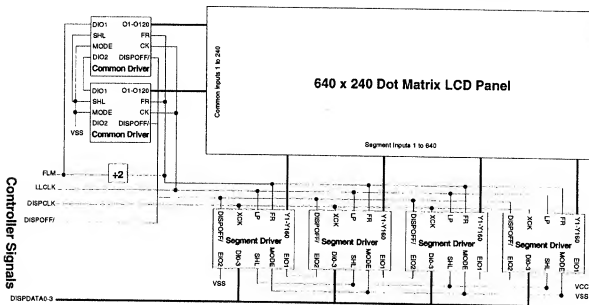


Figure1.

The row to be written is selected by the common drivers. The row is marked by a pulse on the First Line Marker (FLM) signal and clocked by Line Latch Clock (LLCLK). The rows are sequentially selected by subsequent LLCLK clocks. The pixel data is presented by the Display Data lines (DISPDAT0-3) and clocked/shifted by Display Clock (DISPCLK). The two signals to note are the FLM connected to the DIO1 pin of the first common drivers, and the

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VSS connected to the EIO2 pin of the first segment driver. These signals mark the upper and leftmost pixel of the display.

If the power supply lines (VCC and VLCD) were turned off to the second through fourth segment drivers, three-quarters of the display would be disabled and considerable power saved. This is shown in Figure 2.

Here only the common drivers and one segment driver are left on to operate one quarter of the panel.

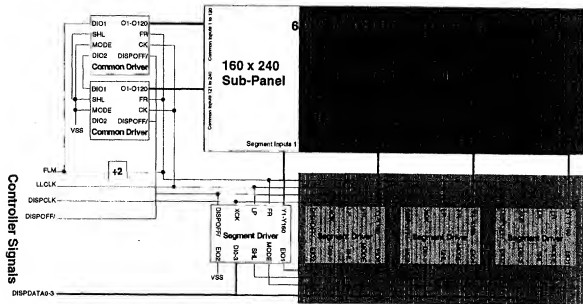


Figure 2.

The implementation of this change to the display module would be very easy as only a minor engineering change is needed to disable the power going to the last set of segment drivers, under software control. A clam shell case could be constructed that obscures the righthand side of the display and only exposes the working section, such as shown in Figure 3.



Figure 3.

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The lid would incorporate a switch to inform the operating system whether the lid was opened or closed. The internal registers of the display controller would need to be reinitialized to the large or short configuration depending on the status of the lid. The software display driver in the operating system would also need to be informed of the change in resolution and viewing angle.

Dual Screen Display

If the design of the phone dictates that the two display subsystems must be physically located on different planes, some power savings can still be realized by using a single controller for both the phone display and the PDA. Either display, or both, could be operational at any time. Logically, the smaller display looks like an extension to the larger display. The only provision is that the smaller panel have the same number of horizontal lines, therefore the same duty cycle, as the larger. The software would view both displays as one large 800x240 frame buffer. Refer to Figure 4.

A feature of these architecture is now the phone display is a graphics type rather than character oriented as most phones. Having graphics capabilities enables use of icons, multiple fonts, and other images that convey more meaningful information.

Additionally, if the mechanical layout permits viewing both panels at the same time, the incremental information available on the smaller screen will enrich the information content of the main screen (e.g. context-sensitive help or information screen).

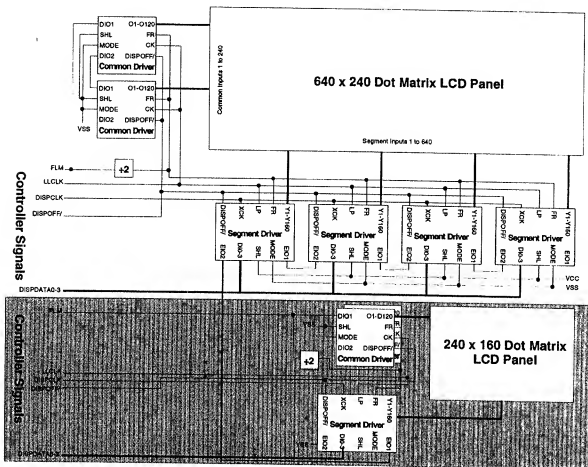


Figure 4.

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Since the phone panel logically precedes the PDA panel in the serial stream, the large display could be shutdown most of the time and only activated when necessary. Although this design does not realise the reduction in complexity of the former, having eliminated the second display controller, it does provide for a greater latitude in flexibility. The only modifications made to the standard display would be the addition of a pin to bring out EIO2 from the PDA display and a pin on the phone display to add the EIO1 function, both very minimal changes.

Summary

None of the aforementioned designs require any changes to existing display controllers. All changes are done in software. Only a very minimum of engineering changes need to be done on standard LCD modules to enable this architecture. The power savings to be had by reducing redundancy and powering-down unused display sections can be considerable.

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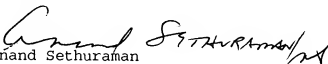
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